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New Drug Trends to Watch Out For

# Rainbow Fentanyl

## The Facts

- Street pills or “Rainbow Fentanyl” are contaminated and up 150% in 2022 compared to 2021
- Rainbow Fentanyl is fentanyl pills and powder that come in a variety of shapes and colors and contain highly lethal doses of fentanyl
- Targeted by the cartel to young children, teens and young adults

## Widespread Problem

- Has been found in 26 states
- DEA seized 10.2 million fentanyl pills and 980 pounds of powder between May and September of 2022 and is continuing with its “One Pill can Kill” campaign

In the news: [DEA warning](#)



# Xylazine



## The Facts

- Source: Animal Tranquilizer
- Street Names: Zombie Drug & Tranq
- Central nervous system depressant(non-opioid synthetic)
- Causes drowsiness, amnesia and slow breathing
- Developed in 1962 as an anesthetic for veterinary procedures
- There were some human trials, but they were stopped because of low blood pressure and respiratory depression

## Uses

- Started in 2000 being used as an addictive substitute for heroin. Caused wounds in the users leading to amputation if unattended. It knocks a person out for hours at a time
- It is now being found laced with fentanyl by illicit drug dealers and has contributed to many deaths across Pennsylvania, Maryland, and other states

In the news: [Xylazine crisis is in Philadelphia](#)



# Frankenstein-Synthetic Opioid

## The Facts

- Schedule 1 drug-Nitazine
- Nitazines were synthesized in the 1950's and stopped because of unacceptable toxicities of sedation and respiratory depression
- Unregulated Chinese laboratories are main producer
- They are cheaper to produce than fentanyl and are can be 2 to 40 times stronger depending on their purity
- Narcan can be administered but it may take multiple doses

## Spreading Problem

- Recent deaths have been seen in Tennessee, Ohio and surrounding areas

In the News:

-[DEA warning](#)

-[Ohio warning](#)

-[Florida Attorney General moving to ban](#)



# Polysubstance Abuse on the Rise in 2023



## The Facts

- The main poly use, and overdoses are seen with the combination of fentanyl and methamphetamine
- This happens by using the drugs intentionally or unintentionally
- The effects of the drugs are more intense and unpredictable which users are chasing, but can also make it the most dangerous
- The CDC reports that half of its most recent overdose deaths are from polysubstance use
- Mixing stimulants and depressants make people think they are cancelling or balancing the drugs out
- What they are actually doing is tricking you to thinking that neither is really affecting you which can lead to overdoses quickly